

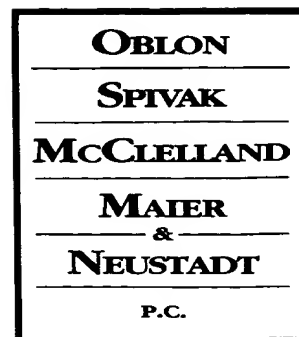


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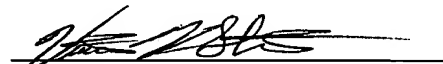
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1. Response to Restriction Requirement

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Responsive to the Official Action dated January 4, 2002, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group V, Claim 14, for further prosecution.

REMARKS

The Office has required restriction in the present application as follows:

- Group I: Claims 1-8, drawn to a pharmaceutical composition and vaccine;
- Group II: Claim 9, drawn to a method of screening a drug;
- Group III: Claim 10, drawn to a method of screening a therapeutic agent;
- Group IV: Claims 11-13, drawn to an animal model;
- Group V: Claim 14, drawn to a method of diagnosis of ulcerative colitis; and
- Group VI: Claim 15, drawn to an agent for making a diagnosis of ulcerative colitis.

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Applicants elect, with traverse, Group V, Claim 14.